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First Named Inventor: Krech, John E.
 Application No.: 09/990601
 Filed: November 21, 2001
 Title: Plastic Shipping and Storage Containers and Composition and Method Therefore
 This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Group Art Unit: 1772
 Examiner: W. Aughenbaugh

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on August 26, 2004
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 iii. ☐ Other
 b. ☐ Enclosed
 i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
 iv. ☐ Other

* *C. An additional Preliminary Submission is planned and will follow.*

2. ☐ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently
 3. **Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
 a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to:
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 i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
 ii. ☐ Other

Respectfully submitted,

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 Date

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